

Senate Resolution 509

By: Senators Hawkins of the 49th, Butterworth of the 50th, Shafer of the 48th, Pearson of the 51st and Murphy of the 27th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Spring Chicken Festival and Chicken City Cook Off and
2 designating the Hall County event as the official chicken cookoff for the State of Georgia;
3 and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville in Hall County, Georgia, is acknowledged as the
5 location where the modern poultry industry was founded and is known as the Chicken
6 Capital of the World; and

7 WHEREAS, the Spring Chicken Festival and Chicken City Cook Off produced by Keep Hall
8 Beautiful, Main Street Gainesville, and the Lake Lanier Convention & Visitors Bureau is a
9 staple of the spring festival season in Georgia and benefits the citizens of Gainesville and
10 Hall County, Georgia, via funding of the Keep Hall Beautiful Tree Replacement Fund; and

11 WHEREAS, the Chicken City Cook Off brings together the poultry industry, local
12 restaurateurs, and amateur chefs in a culinary contest to perfect the art of cooking chicken;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the Spring Chicken Festival creates a fun family atmosphere, attracting visitors
15 to the area and increasing tourism and spending revenue for Gainesville and Hall County;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the Spring Chicken Festival has been recognized as a major spring event by
18 *Y'all - The Magazine of Southern People*, host of the Amtrak Sweet Tea Challenge at the
19 event; and

20 WHEREAS, the 2009 Spring Chicken Festival will be featured by Georgia Public
21 Broadcasting as part of their *Georgia Traveler* series; and

22 WHEREAS, in keeping with the fine tradition of the Georgia Poultry Federation, the Spring
23 Chicken Festival and Chicken City Cook Off strive to educate and entertain the public while
24 elevating Gainesville and Hall County's status as the Poultry Capital of the World.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 commend the dedicated efforts of the Spring Chicken Festival and Chicken City Cook Off
27 organizers and recognize the event as the official chicken cookoff for the State of Georgia.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the organizers of the Spring Chicken
30 Festival and Chicken City Cook Off.